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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LIBERATING OXYGEN ISOTOPES FROM OXYGEN-CONTAINING SOLIDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2",

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 4", insert

instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 5", insert

instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 8, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 7", insert

instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or 10",

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11",

Claim 13, line 1,/delete " to 12",